

REMARKS

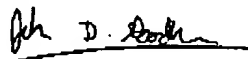
Claim 21 and 32-35 are pending in this application. Claim 21 incorporates the limitations of now cancelled claim 22. The Examiner has previously indicated that claim 22 was merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 21 has being rewritten to include the limitation of claim 22. Claims 32-35 have been amended to change their dependency to claim 21. The remaining claims have been cancelled.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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